DOCKET NO.: 292548US0PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Rodolfo VIGNOLA, et al.

SERIAL NO.: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

FILED: HEREWITH

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/EP04/13871 INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: December 6, 2004

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CONTAMINATED WATER BASED ON THE USE

OF APOLAR ZEOLITES HAVING DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119 AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicant claims as priority:

COUNTRY

APPLICATION NO

DAY/MONTH/YEAR 22 December 2003

Italy

MI2003A 002549

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention application(s) were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application No. PCT/EP04/13871. Receipt of the certified copy(s) by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

Respectfully submitted, OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Customer Number 22850

(703) 413-3000 Fax No. (703) 413-2220 (OSMMN 08/03) Norman F. Oblon Attorney of Record Registration No. 24,618 Surinder Sachar

Registration No. 34,423